GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Sanctions a scheme for the Re-organisation of the Section of Agricultural Statistics and Agricultural Meteorology in the Agricultural Department.

READ—

Letter No. E. C. Agri. 540—45-46, dated 11th January 1946, from the Secretary, Committee for Agriculture, submtting a Scheme for the Re-organisation of the Section of Agricultural Statistics and Agricultural Meteorology in the Agricultural Department.

Letter No. C. F. 419—45-46, dated 25th March 1946 from the Secretary, Co-ordination and Finance Committee on the subject.

Correspondance ending with letter No. C. T. 6—46-47, dated 16th May 1947, from the Director of Agriculture, submitting certain detailed proposals in the matter for the consideration of Government.

G. O. No. A. F. 6542-47—Agri. 190-46-2, dated 19th May 1947, conveying the administrative sanction of Government to this scheme.

ORDER No. A. F. 1650-57—AGRI. 76-47-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 7TH OCTOBER 1947.

With a view to improving the yield statistics of crops, the Government of India have, through the I. C. A. R., been conducting crop-cutting experiments in a number of Provinces, the main object aimed at being the evolution of a randum sampling technique for conducting these experiments, capable of being handled by the existing Provincial Staff of Agriculture and Revenue Departments as part of their departmental routine and the revision of the present set of district normal yields. These experiments were till now conducted by the Government of India as a part of the "Grow More Food Campaign." As, however, the term of this campaign expired with March 1947, it has been suggested by the Government of India that such experiments should be included in the Provincial and States' Interim and long-term development plans and that the Government of Mysore might consider the feasibility of taking action on this suggestion.

A scheme was accordingly got prepared by the Director of Agriculture for the re-organisation of the Statistical and Agricultural Meteorological Section of the Department, as a Post-war plan, spread over a period of five years.

The main activities of this section are proposed to be as noted below :—

1. Crop surveys by sampling technique for estimation of crop yields (by crop-cutting experiments) as required by the Government of India.
2. Sample surveys for estimation of diseases and pests of crops.
3. Planning of experiments and interpretation of experimental data in Agricultural Research.
4. Co-ordination of results of Agricultural Research and their application on the raiyats' yields.
5. Experimental and statistical work in Agricultural Meteorology.
6. Agricultural Meteorological studies to find out the relation between weather and crops.
7. Micro and Macro climatic studies for important crops of the State.
8. Forecasting of crop-yields, diseases and pests of crops on an objective basis.
9. Issue of warning to raiyats regarding abnormal weather based on forecasts to adjust the cropping programme and to anticipate protective measures against pests, diseases and vagaries of nature.
10. Investigations in sampling methods and experimental technique.
11. Studies on consumption and production of food and fodder to properly balance the areas for the different crops of the districts to ensure self-sufficiency.

The scheme was considered by the Committee for Agriculture and approved by them with an expenditure during five years of Rs. 20,000 non-recurring and Rs. 1,19,400 recurring. It was then considered by the Co-ordination and Finance Committee which suggested that a beginning might be made with a staff consisting of one Statistician and Agricultural Meteorological Assistant Meteorologist, one Statistical Assistant, two Computors, three Observers, three Crop Estimaters and three Watchmen, one Accountant, one Typist, one Clerk and two Peons, involving an expenditure during a period of five years of Rs. 20,000 non-recurring and Rs. 91,636 recurring.

The Director of Agriculture has, however, proposed slightly modified proposals for the successful working of the scheme which are noted below :—

1. Statistician and Agricultural Meteorologist (Rs. 125—25/2—300) (Gazetted Post).
2. Statistical Assistant (Rs. 80—10/2—120).
3. One Agricultural Meteorological Assistant (Rs. 80—10/2—120).
4. Two Computors (Rs. 50—5—80).
5. Three Crop-weather Estimators (Rs. 50—5—80).
6. Three Crop-weather Observers (Rs. 50—5—80).
7. One Accountant (Rs. 50—5—80).
8. One Steno-typist (Rs. 50—5—80).
9. One Clerk (Rs. 40—5/2—60).
10. Three Peons for office and three Watchmen for Observatories (Rs. 11—½—15).

The Director of Agriculture has also proposed that the scheme may be taken up in the middle of this year, when Mr. Ananthapadmanabha Rao, who will be placed in charge of the scheme, will have returned from U. S. A. after completion of his training. It is further proposed that, in the meanwhile, the two Assistants referred to above, may be appointed and sent to Pusa for training for a period of six months so that they may come back trained when the scheme is started. As regards the other posts, the Director of Agriculture says, that the candidates will be selected and appointed at the time of starting the scheme.

After a careful consideration of the scheme, Government are pleased to sanction the proposals of the Director of Agriculture with the following modifications :—

1. The Statistical Assistants will be placed in grade Rs. 70—10/2—120 corresponding to the grade of the Scientific Assistants in the Agricultural Department.
2. The Steno-typist and Clerks will each be put in grade Rs. 30—2—50/E. B. 2—60.
3. The Computors, Crop-weather Observers and Estimaters will each be given Rs. 40—3—70.

The Director of Agriculture is requested to take all further action to give effect to the scheme.

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FOOD SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the reconstitution of the Paper Advisory Committee for one more year from the 4th October 1947.

READ—

Government Order No. C. 724-25—Co. 18-45-2, dated the 7th November 1946, sanctioning the continuance of the Paper Advisory Committee for a period of one year from the 4th October 1946.

2. Letter No. G1. 702, dated the 16th September 1947, from the Controller of Civil Supplies in Mysore in the matter.

ORDER No. C. 1241-3—Co. 23-47-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 7TH OCTOBER 1947.

Government are pleased to reconstitute the Paper Advisory Committee from the 4th October 1947, for another year with the following personnel :—

1 The Controller of Civil Supplies in Mysore (*Chairman*).
2 The Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bangalore.
3 The Secretary, Mysore Paper Mills, Ltd., Bangalore.
4 Mr. A. K. Yegnanarayanier, M.A., Chairman, the Bangalore Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd., Bangalore.
5 Mr. H. R. Abdul Gaffar, B.A., M.R.A., Modi Power Printing Works, Sri Narasimharaja Road, Bangalore.
6 Mr. M. Rajagopal Naidu, Secretary, Mysore Printers' Co-operative Society, Ltd., Bangalore.
7 Mr. N. S. Venkoba Rao, B.A., 6 Sirsi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore.